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COMPUTER AND INTERNET FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the States and villages of the country where the Government have provided computer and internet facility as on 30 June, 2003;
- (b) the names of the States and villages of the country where this facility has not been provided; and
- (c) by when this facility would be made available in such States/villages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a): The network of the National Informatics Centre (NIC) extends to 586 district headquarters out of the 601 district in the country. The District Informatics Centre are equipped with computers. The Department of Information Technology has also set up 483 Community Information Centres (CICs) in 483 Block Head Quarters (BHQs) in eight North East States. The CICs have been provided with computers and Internet connections through V-SATs.

The Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is setting up Internet Dhabas with a set up of computers in each of the rural and urban BHQs in the country through franchisees. So far, 3884 Internet Dhabas have been set up, covering 3535 BHQs out of 6308. State-wise details have been furnished in the Annexure.

(b) and (c): The Network of NIC is proposed to be extended to the 15 uncovered district headquarters in the State of Arunachal Pradesh, Asam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal by the end of the current year.